

1 What is claimed is:

Sub C1  
1 1. For transaction processing involving transaction information related to services  
2 provided by one of a plurality of vendors and processed by one of a plurality of service  
3 providers, a transaction validation system for auditing comprising: a central processor  
4 arrangement programmed and configured to maintain data relating to an authorized  
5 profile list criterion that includes information about authorized users empowered to  
6 authorize payment by the vendor, and programmed and configured to process the  
7 transaction information by determining whether the transaction information satisfies the  
8 authorized profile list criterion, and using the authorized profile list criterion to generate  
9 information for auditing a transaction between said one of a plurality of vendors and  
10 said one of a plurality of service providers

Sub B2  
1 2. A transaction validation system for auditing according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 system further includes a means for generating a quotation coupled to said central  
3 processor arrangement.

Sub C1  
1 3. For transaction processing involving transaction information related to services  
2 provided by a vendor, said transaction information initially being generated by one of a  
3 plurality of service providers prior to processing by said vendor, a transaction validation  
4 system for auditing comprising: a central processor arrangement programmed and  
5 configured to maintain data relating to an authorized profile list criterion that includes  
6 information about authorized users empowered to authorize payment by the vendor to  
7 the service provider, and programmed and configured to process the transaction  
8 information by determining whether the transaction information satisfies the authorized  
9 profile list criterion, and using the authorized profile list criterion to generate  
10 information for auditing a transaction between said vendor and said one of a plurality of  
11 service providers.

Sub B3  
1 4. A transaction validation system for auditing according to claim 3, wherein said  
2 system further includes a means for generating a quotation coupled to said central  
3 processor arrangement.

Sub C1  
1 5. A transaction processing involving transaction information related to services  
2 provided by a vendor and a plurality of subvendors and processed by one of a plurality  
3 of subvendor controlled service providers, a transaction validation system for auditing  
4 comprising: a central processor arrangement programmed and configured to maintain  
5 data relating to an authorized profile list criterion that includes information about  
6 authorized users empowered to authorize payment by the vendor and subvendors, and  
7 programmed and configured to process the transaction information by determining  
8 whether the transaction information satisfies the authorized profile list criterion, and  
9 using the authorized profile list criterion to generate information for auditing a  
10 transaction between said vendor and both of said plurality of subvendors and said  
11 plurality of subvendor controlled service providers.

Sub B4  
1 6. A transaction validation system according to claim 5, wherein said system further  
2 includes a means for processing transactions for each of said vendor and said  
3 subvendor, said processing transaction means coupled to said central processor  
4 arrangement.

1 7. A transaction validation system according to claim 2, wherein said system  
2 further includes a means for processing transactions for each of said vendor and said  
3 service provider, said processing transaction means coupled to said central processor  
4 arrangement.

Sub C2  
1 8. A transaction validation system according to claim 8, wherein said processing  
2 transaction means is accessible remotely.



3 plurality of subvendor controlled service providers, a method for validating a service  
4 transaction for auditing comprising:  
5 generating transaction information prior to processing by subvendor;  
6 providing an authorized profile list criterion that includes information about  
7 authorized users empowered to authorize payment by the vendor; and  
8 using a computer arrangement, maintaining data relating to the authorized  
9 profile list criterion and processing the transaction information by determining whether  
10 the transaction information satisfies the authorized profile list criterion, and by using the  
11 authorized profile list criterion to generate information for auditing a transaction  
12 between said one of a plurality of vendors and said one of a plurality of service  
13 providers.

1 14. A system for billing a vendor and subvendor, and paying a service provider and  
2 a subvendor for a completed service-related transaction, comprising:  
3 means for receiving a set of transaction information including the cost of service  
4 from a central processor arrangement; and  
5 means for processing a credit account for the vendor, for verifying that the  
6 vendor has sufficient credit to fund the cost of service, for indicating when the account  
7 for the vendor should be debited, and for indicating when payment to the service  
8 provider and subvendor should be tendered, and for notifying a financial institution the  
9 cost of service.

1 15. A method for billing a vendor and subvendor, and paying a service provider and  
2 a subvendor for a completed service-related transaction, comprising:  
3 receiving a set of transaction information including the cost of service from a  
4 central processor arrangement; and  
5 using a computer arrangement for processing a credit account for the vendor, for  
6 verifying that the vendor has sufficient credit to fund the cost of service, for indicating  
7 when the account for the vendor should be debited, for indicating when payment to the

cont 8 service provider and subvendor should be tendered, and for notifying a financial  
C1 9 institution of the cost of the service.

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